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BOOK GROUPS IN ENGLISH 8

SELF-DOUBT AND SELF-ACCEPTANCE

Again, this quarter in English, you will have book groups. Please read over the book "blurbs," and select the book that you NEED to read! Consider your interests, the page lengths of the books as well as the complexity of the texts. The books are listed in order of difficulty from grade level to above grade level (1-7).

1. The Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake (176 pages)

Maleeka Madison struggles against the burden of low self-esteem because of her skin color and poverty but is buoyed up by her teacher, Miss Sanders. Through this, Maleeka learns to stand up to a tough-talking peer.

2. Wringer by Jerry Spinelli (240 pages)

Palmer fears the tradition in his town that is passed down from father to son. How can he stop himself from becoming a wringer and stand up for himself?

3. Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi (160 pages)

The author tells her memories of the Islamic Revolution in her homeland of Iran in this black-white graphic memoir and her yearnings for freedom in restrictive environments.

4. Wonder by R. J. Palacio (315 pages)

Due to a facial deformity that prevented his early attendance at a public school, August Pullman starts fifth grade and has to cope with being new and being ridiculed.

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5. Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz (368 pages).

Ari Mendoza is fifteen and in the dark about why his older brother is in prison. He meets Dante and they become friends who support each other. Ari starts to prod his parents with questions about his brother, and he ends up learning more about his family's secrets, and himself including his sexual identity.

6. Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury (314 pages) In a generic Midwestern small town two teenage boys, Jim and Will, are intrigued when a magic carnival comes to town. The carnival leader has the power to help people transform their identities into the people they wish to become. Will's elderly father, Charles Halloway, harbors his own secret fear of growing older, but is the only hope Will and Jim have to save themselves and their town.

7. My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor (436 pages)

A frank memoir about Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor's childhood in the Bronx New York and her Puerto Rican culture. Growing up with diabetes and a parent who battled with addiction, Sotomayor struggled to overcome poverty and fit in at an Ivy League University while still embracing her ethnicity.

FIRST CHOICE: _____ SECOND CHOICE: _____

EXPLAIN YOUR FIRST SELECTION:
